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TOPIC Information on Soviet Ammunition Depots in East Germany

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REMARKS

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1. The ammunition depot at Bad Saarow, which had been constructed in the fall of 1952, was accepted by Soviet officers in early February 1953. On 25 April, the depot was not yet occupied and stocked. Additional lightning rods were to be erected for the 19 bunkers.

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2. In March, no activity was observed in the ammunition depot at Bad Saarow. The installation was lightly guarded. 1 sketch of the installation.¹

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3. On 24 April, a train of 21 boxcars loaded with bombs arrived at Dallgow coming from Buckau. The bombs were packed in crates, 120 x 60 x 60 cm and 100 x 50 x 20 cm. Each of the large crates was carried by 5 soldiers with black-bordered blue epaulets.

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4. In January 1953, 1 the former ammunition plant at Buckau-Framsdorf was subordinate to an air force unit, chief of which was Colonel Butuzov (fnu). A spur track was available. Aircraft bombs were filled and stored at the installation.²

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5. In March, 1 the former naval headquarters at Rathenow-North served as a Soviet ammunition depot. The installation was guarded by about 40 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia from the Pionier Kaserne.³

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6. In mid-January, 1 the former ammunition plant in Tilzow south of Bergen on Ruegen Island was to be reconstructed. The housing office in Bergen was ordered to make available quarters for the construction personnel.⁴

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7. In January, 1 four permanent hangars, about 200 meters long, 20 meters wide and 15 meters high, which had been used during the war, were still at the air force ammunition depot at Biesenthal. Only the roof of one hangar could be identified 1 as a high board fence and trees obstructed the view into the depot. A concrete road from the western edge of the depot to the north paralleled the Finow-Biesenthal road which it joined near the large Samith See (lake). A spur track, coming from the northern edge of Finow airfield, run about 20 meters from the concrete road and met

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25X1 the depot at its northern edge. [] location sketch of the installation.⁵

8. On 23 February, a train of 25 boxcars loaded with ammunition and 13 crash cars was observed en route from Frankfurt/Oder to Altengrabow.⁶

25X1 9. [] the following is a complete tabulation of incoming and outgoing rail shipments of the ammunition plant at Wilmersdorf between December 1952 and April 1953:

Date 1952/ 1953	Number of Boxcars	Load in Tons	From	To
12 December	1	ammunition	Mockrehna	Wilmersdorf
26 "	15	"	Frankfurt/Oder	"
25 February	7	"	"	"
5 "	3	"	"	"
17 January	9	"	Wilmersdorf	Mockrehna
21 "	19	" 236	"	"
13 February	20	" 312	Wilmersdorf 8	"
14 "	9	" 136	"	"
20 March	2	" 29	"	Brest Litovsk
28 "	6	" 105	"	"
9 April	2	" 30	"	Dannenwalde
	5	" 75	"	Finow
	1	" 15	"	Jueterbog, Altes Lager

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10. Rail ammunition shipments from the ammunition depot at Altenhain, between December 1952 and April 1953, included:

Date 1952/ 1953	Number of Boxcars	Load in Tons	Dispatched to
2 December	2	ammunition, 20	Halle
10 "	1	" 10	Strausberg
18 "	1	" 12	Altengrabow
	1	" 12	Hohenleipisch

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Date 1952/ 1953	Number of Boxcars	Load in Tons	Dispatched to
January	8	ammunition, 105	Jena
	6	" 72	Halle
	4	" 50	Ohrdruf
	3	" 45	Merseburg
	1	" 20	Plauen
	4	" 60	Weimar
	4	" 60	Gera
	1	" 20	Zeitz
	2	" 30	Altenburg
	3	" 40	Glauchau
	3	" 30	Rueckmarsdorf
	1	" 20	Saalfeld
	3	" 45	Naumburg
	2	" 30	Rudolstadt
16 February	7	" 80	Halle-West
13 "	13	" 156	Naumburg-Ost
17	1	" 15	Altenburg
	1	" 15	Ohrdruf
	4	" 60	Weimar
18 "	2	" 30	Gera
March	11	" 110	Jena
	3	" 30	Rueckmarsdorf
	13	" 130	Naumburg-Ost
	7	" 70	Ohrdruf
	11	" 110	Halle-West
	3	" 30	Fuerstenwalde-Sued
	2	" 20	Glauchau
	5	" 50	Altenburg
	2	" 30	Rudolstadt
	4	" 40	Weimar

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Date 1952/ 1953	Number of Boxcars	Load in Tons	Dispatched to
March	5	ammunition, 50	Gera
	4	" 40	Merseburg
1 April	2	" 20	Jessen
	3	" 30	Roederau
	2	" 20	Glauchau
	2	" 20	Gera
	2	" 20	Merseburg
2 "	2	" 20	Jena
14 "	2	" 20	Weissenfels
21 "	4	" 40	Jueterbog, Altes Lager
23 "	8	" 80	Ohrdruf
22 "	25	" 250	Altengrabow
23 "	25	" 250	"
28 "	3	" 30	Lossa
	1	" 10	Crawinkel
	1	" 11	Gotha

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11. The following rail ammunition shipments were dispatched from the ammunition depot at Mockrehns [] between December 1952 and April 1953:

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Date 1952/ 1953	Number of Boxcars	Load in Tons	Dispatched to
4 December	1	ammunition, -	Wilmersdorf []
11 "	1	" 15	Werneuchen []
6 March	1	" 12	Altengrabow []
10 April	1	" 15	Jueterbog, Altes Lager
	8	" 120	Kapen
13 "	4	" 20	Altengrabow
16 "	8	" 44	Pflaffendorf []

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Date 1952/ 1953	Number of Boxcars	Load in Tons	Dispatched to
17 April	8	ammunition, 40	Toepchin
20 "	6	" 30	Wulkow

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After 1 April, [] dispatcher in Mockrehna.⁸

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12. The following rail ammunition shipments were dispatched from the ammunition depot at Kapen [] between December 1952 and March 1953:

B - boxcar

F/S - flatcar with sideracks

Date 1952/ 1953	Number and Type of Cars	Load in Tons	Dispatched to
11 January	4 F/S	ammunition, 70	Fuerstenwalde
23 "	7 B	" 92	Mockrehna
26 "	26 B	" 315	"
6 February	17 B	" 282	Frankfurt/Oder 13
18 "	26 B	" 426	Mockrehna)
22 "	29 B	" 457	") 9
	3 B	" 45	Dannenwalde
24 "	5 B	" 90	Altenhain
25 "	7 B	" 122	Jueterbog, Altes Lager
28 "	4 B	" 74	Roederan
	5 B	" 90	Altengrabow
28 "	7 B	" 112	Finow
25 March	3 B	" 38	Rostock
	2 B	" 21	Rathenow-Nord

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After 1 February, [] dispatcher in Kapen.⁵

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1. [] Comment. Information on the construction of the ammunition depot was repeatedly received. []. The present report supports the assumption that the installation is a rather small ammunition depot. It is probably subordinate to the 7th Gds Mecz Div. For sketch of the installation, see Annex 1.

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2. [] Comment. The ammunition depot of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army located in Buckau-Fransdorf was reported previously. The depot regularly serves Dallgow-Doebritz. Colonel Butuzov was reported previously as chief of the installation.

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- 25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. This ammunition depot is an installation of the military post and serves the units of the IV Arty Corps in the Rathenow area.
- 25X1A 4. [REDACTED] Comment. The utilization of the former naval ammunition depot at Tilsow appears possible in connection with the Ruegen harbor construction project. [REDACTED]
- 25X1A 5. [REDACTED] Comment. Stocking of this ammunition depot of the Northern Fighter Corps after February 1953 was continuously reported. For last reports, [REDACTED] For sketch of the installation, see Annex 2.
- 25X1A 6. [REDACTED] Comment. This shipment was reported previously. [REDACTED]
- 25X1A 7. [REDACTED] Comment. The shipments were reported previously. [REDACTED]
- 25X1A 8. [REDACTED] Comment. After February 1953, [REDACTED] observed as dispatcher at the ammunition depots at Wulkow, Torgau, Kapen, Finow, and Altengrabow. Probably [REDACTED] the "Commander of the Artillery" of the GDRG and is used by the ammunition depots for concealment purposes.
- 25X1A 9. [REDACTED] Comment. The stocking of this ammunition depot with Soviet ammunition continues. [REDACTED]
- 25X1A 10. [REDACTED] Comment. The light volume of traffic is noteworthy. [REDACTED]
- 25X1A 11. [REDACTED] Comment. During the reported period, the volume of incoming ammunition shipments via the Frankfurt/Oder border station according to current transportation reports, corresponded to the volume of outgoing shipments. Outgoing ammunition shipments in March and April increased as a result of combat firing exercises.
- 25X1A 12. [REDACTED] Comment. The stocking of this ammunition depot appears to have been completed in March as the first of sizeable shipments left the installation in April. [REDACTED]
- 25X1A 13. [REDACTED] Comment. Probably the return of packing material and empty shells to the USSR.

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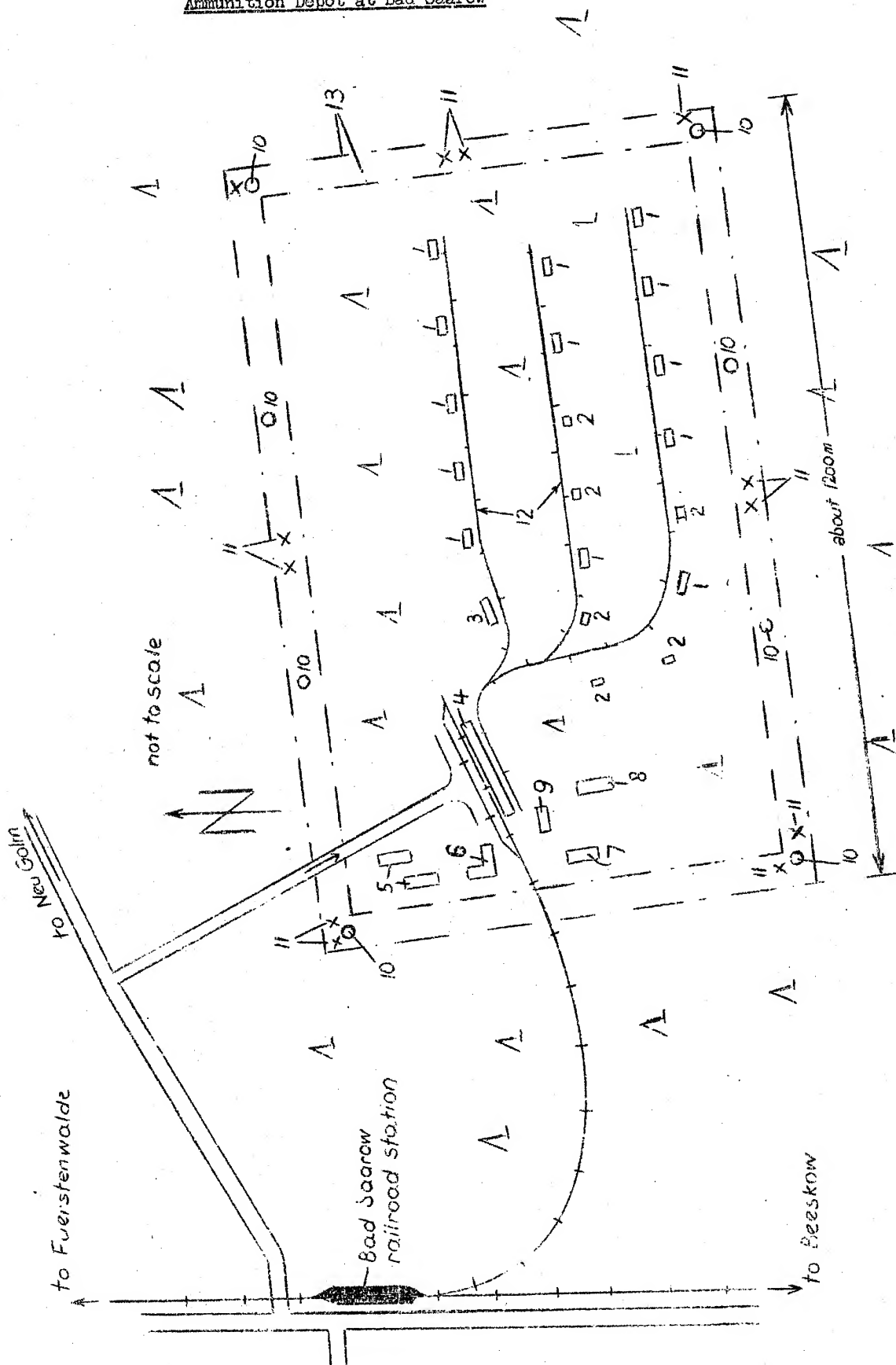
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Ammunition Depot at Bad Saarow



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Ammunition Depot at Bad Saarow

Legend:

- 1 Bunker, 24.5 x 12.5 meters; 13 of which are available
- 2 Bunker, 12.5 x 8.5 meters; 6 of which are available
- 3 Shed with loading ramp
- 4 Loading ramp, about 200 meters long
- 5 Quarters for 250 men each
- 6 Officers' quarters
- 7 Headquarters and administrative building
- 8 Garage
- 9 Finnish steam bath
- 10 Watchtowers, about 20 meters high
- 11 Searchlights of 1,000 watts
- 12 Narrow-gauge spur track
- 13 Barbed-wire fence, 2 meters high.

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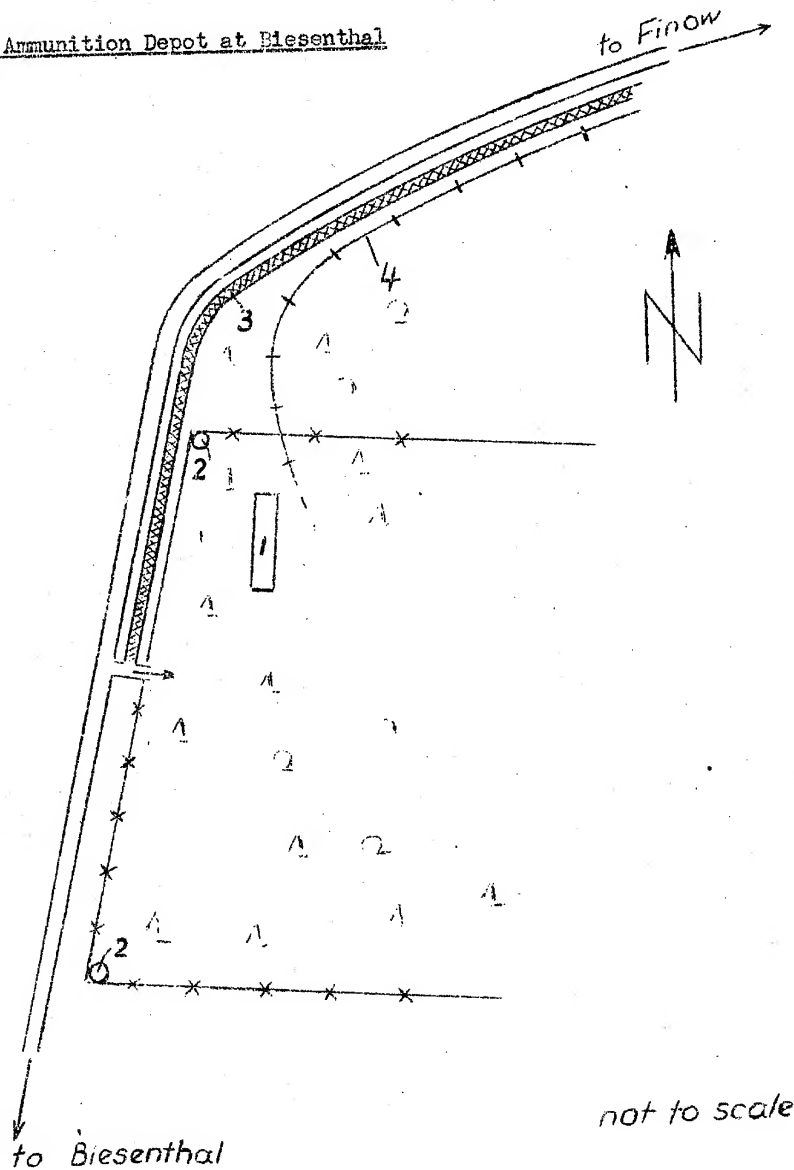
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Annex 2

Air Force Ammunition Depot at Biesenthal



Legend:

- 1 Permanent hangar, about 200 meters long, 20 meters wide and 15 meters high
- 2 Watchtowers
- 3 Concrete road
- 4 Spur track

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